***Statement***

*Details of Four lane/Six lane roads to be constructed by NHAI during the year 2005-06*

| S.No. | NH No. | Kms. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | NH-5 | 200.32 |
| 2 | NH-7 | 67.30 |
| 3 | NH-2 | 441.25 |
| 4 | NH-4&NH-4B | 357.80 |
| 5 | NH-46 | 33.02 |
| 6 | NH-6 | 4.13 |
| 7 | NH-60 | 54.27 |
| 8 | NH-41 | 53 |
| 9 | NH-8 | 78.51 |
| 10 | NH-1&NH-1A | 62.30 |
| 11 | NH-25,NH-28&NH-56 | 38.58 |
| 12 | NH-31 | 28 |
| 13 | State Road (SR) | 12 |

**Bangalore-Mysore-Madikeri-Mangalore Road**

437. SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Karnataka has requested Government to reclassify the Bangalore-Mysore-Madikeri-Mangalore road as National Highway which is being improved by the State Government to the National Highway stadards; and

(b) if so, the decision, if any taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE !N THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA: (a) The State Govt, of Karnataka requested the Ministry to declare Bangalore-Mysore-Madikeri-Puttur road as National Highway

(b) In February, 2004 the Ministry has declared 7457 kms of State Roads as National Highways including 273 kms in Karnataka. It is premature to indicate any time-frame for further declaration of National Highways.

**Modernization of SSIs**

438. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to support the SSI Sector, enable it to achieve technology upgradation and modernization;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the highlights of the said scheme; and

(d) the manner in which the scheme is going to help in view of Government's open import policy?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The Government has launched credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) which provides 12% upfront capital subsidy to SSI units including agro and rural industries on institutional finance availed of by them for technology upgradation and modernization of their production techniques relating to 44 specified products/sub-sectors. The eligible part of the loan amount for clculation of subisdy under the scheme has an upper limit of Rs. 40 lakh. The Scheme is implemented at the national level through two nodal agencies, namely, Smal Industries Devel opment Bank of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Develop ment. A total number of 560 SSI units have been benefited till 31 January 2005 under the scheme through disbursement of subsidy to the tune of Rs. 14.3 crore.

(d) The adoption of technology upgradation measures by SSI units under the scheme has resulted in overall improvement in the quality of the products, productivity, capacity utilization, energy conservation, pollution abatement, etc., leading to higher sales and profit realization and better